

PART VI

MAINTENANCE

128. Maintenance of gas installation.

(1) A gas installation shall be maintained in good and efficient working order to ensure safety of persons and safety shall be observed at all times so as to prevent danger from arising.

(2) The duty to ensure the safety standards required under subregulation (1) shall be on the responsible person.

(3) A domestic gas installation shall be checked, tested and certified by the appropriate person every three years but other gas installations shall be similarly inspected, tested and certified every two years.

(4) Notwithstanding subregulation (3), the Director General may direct the inspection, test and certified of any gas installation to be carried out at any time.

129. Power of Director General to inspect.

(1) The Director General shall inspect a gas installation or premises where a gas installation is located if he thinks that it is necessary to do so in the interest of public or private safety.

(2) The Director General shall require an inspection to be made by sending a notice in writing to the responsible person and that person shall attend the inspection and give any assistance as may be require by the Director General in the notice.

130. Competent person to undertake maintenance work.

(1) No person other than a competent person or a person acting under the immediate supervision of a competent person, shall undertake to carry out the repair and maintenance of a gas pipeline or gas installation.

(2) The scope of maintenance for a competent person is as prescribed in Table 2 of the Second Schedule.

131. Record of maintenance.

(1) There shall be kept a maintenance record book in which any maintenance and repair work carried out on a gas installation is recorded.

(2) The book under subregulation (1) shall kept by the responsible person.

132. Authorised or qualified person to do certain work.

(1) No person, other than an authorized person of a Gas Utility Licensee, a competent person having the permission of a Private Gas Licensee, or a competent person having the permission of the owner or occupier shall -

- (a) open or make connections with a distribution main pipe or gas service pipe;
- (b) disconnect the inlet of a meter; or
- (c) move a meter.

(2) No person shall do welding on a metallic gas piping unless that person is a holder of a valid certificate of qualification from the relevant authority.

(3) No person shall install or inter-connect non-metallic pipe unless that person is a holder of a valid certificate of qualification from the relevant authority.

(4) The Director General may determine the qualification that a person shall have in order to weld piping, install or inter-connect other equipment composed of plastic, metal, glass or other material.

133. Testing after disconnection.

Where a competent person or a person under the supervision of a competent person disconnects the outlets of a meter from house piping, he shall-

- (a) substitute the joint at the meter outlet; and
- (b) turn the meter on again only after testing the house piping and ensuring that no other outlets are open.

134. Competent person to notify of need to repair.

Where a competent person has reason to believe that there is a need for the alteration of, or the repair of a part of a supply system, the competent person shall immediately notify the responsible person of the matter.

135. Competent person may make emergency repair.

Where gas is leaking from a part of the gas supply system, a competent person may make necessary emergency repairs and shall notify the responsible person or the permanent repairs that are necessary.

136. Replacement of meter.

A meter shall be replaced every ten years or at any time when the meter malfunctions.

137. Safety and precaution during maintenance work.

(1) When a person is carrying out maintenance work within the vicinity, he shall take adequate precautions to prevent a gas installation or gas equipment from being accidentally or inadvertently made unsafe.

(2) A person engaged in maintenance work in connection with a gas equipment shall be adequately protected from danger and the responsibility for such protection shall be on the responsible person, his servant or agent, as the case may be.